

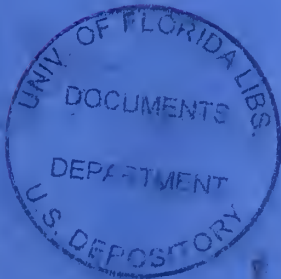
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OUR COVER—Our cover is PVT Philip Crowe's pencil rendering illustration of USASA Headquarters Building covered with snow. The General's Christmas Message is also a pencil rendering by Ronald Crabtree, DAC.

Merry

Christmas 1969

It is a genuine pleasure to extend to each member of the United States Army Security Agency my personal wishes for a joyous holiday season.

During the past year I have had the opportunity to visit with many of you at your duty stations throughout the world. I am extremely proud of your contributions in our Nation's endeavor to preserve the peace of the world and promote mutual trust and understanding among all people of good will.

With warm regards and best wishes to each of you, and to all members of your families, for a Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous and peaceful New Year.



CHARLES J. DENHOLM
Major General, USA
Commanding



Capacity Crowd at Benefit Association Concert

Photos by SP4 Esteban Gamboa.

A "standing room only" crowd turned out November 8th at the Ft. Myer Field House to enjoy an evening of fun and laughter. Heading the list of entertainers was the Danish born comic-pianist Victor Borge, Marylyn Mulvey, Sahan Arzruni and the United States Army Band and Chorus. The occasion that brought these people together, was the second USASA Benefit Association fund raising concert, which was an unqualified success.

The gymnasium was transformed for the evening into a 45-foot long open terrace complete with crystal chandeliers and Georgian columns.

The program opened with Bob Parkinson, MC and field director of the Miss Universe Pageant, introducing Wendy Dascomb, Miss U.S.A. and Gloria Diaz, Miss Universe for 1969.

Then came the moment when Parkinson said, "Ladies and gentlemen, the incomparable Victor Borge."

The famous pianist's pre-concert monologue included jokes about the Defense Department, L.B.J. and his family and a large fly that annoyed him through the evening.

"Playing a little of this and a little of that," Borge introduced his long time friend and accompanist, Sahan

Arzruni, from Turkey. Together they played a portion of Rossini's "Barber of Seville."

After intermission, Marylyn Mulvey, winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Finals, accompanied by the United States Army Band under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Loboda, sang an aria from "Rigoletto" by Verdi.

One of the highlights of the evening was a "would be" duet performance by Borge and Miss Mulvey. Taking the tenor and bass parts of an operatic number, he not only managed to break-up Miss Mulvey, but the audience as well. Finally, in utter frustration she turned to him and yelled, "Oh, shut up," shocking him right off his piano bench. The audience reaction was a wild round of applause and laughter for the spontaneity of the act.

The song "Wouldn't It Be Wonderful," written especially for the Benefit Association by Bernie Wayne was performed by the Army Band and Chorus. Soloist, Specialist 7 Ken Corcoran, lent his tenor voice to the Band's presentation of this original composition.

Rounding out the evening, the Band and Chorus presented a special salute to the crew of Apollo 11, the first men to land on the moon.



Wendy Dascomb, Miss U.S.A., and Gloria Diaz, Miss Universe, find time to enjoy a soft drink during intermission.



Marylyn Mulvey, accompanied by the Army Band, sings "Rigoletto" by Verdi.



Sahan Arzruni and Victor Borge perform together "A little of this and a little of that."



The audience watches as Victor Borge performs.



Soloist, SP7 Ken Corcoran, lends his tenor voice to Wayne's "Wouldn't It Be Wonderful."



Victor Borge tells the audience, "there's someone down there."



The United States Army Band and Chorus, under the direction of LTC Samuel Loboda, perform Bernie Wayne's "Wouldn't it be Wonderful."



pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents

MARYLAND

Ft. George G. Meade—Decisions, decisions, face Specialist 7 Leons Teivans of USASA Support Group. He has a choice of becoming a warrant officer, an E 8, or retiring from the service.

Last year SP 7 Teivans with more than 20 years of service, applied for an appointment to warrant officer. Now, one year later, not only has his appointment been approved—but his promotion to E 8 and his application for retirement.

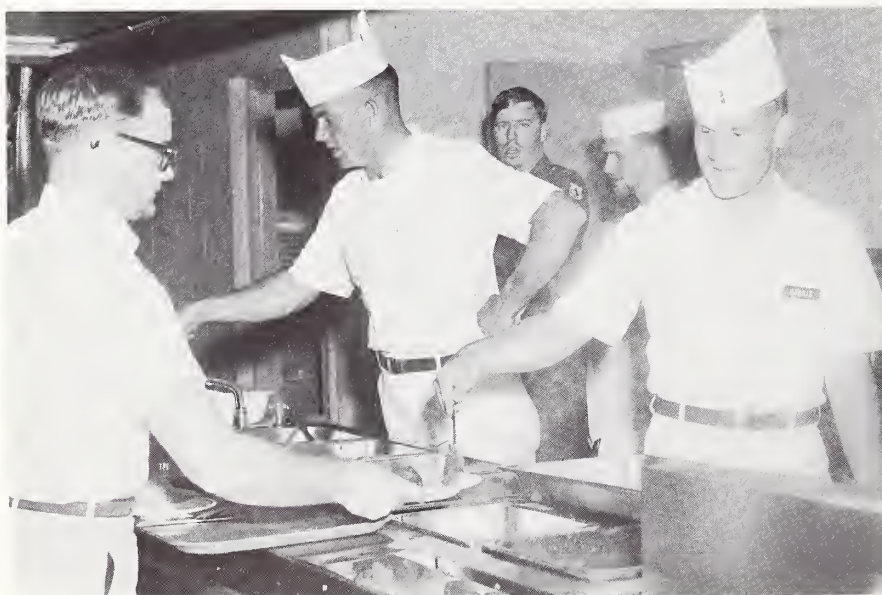
Which would you choose?

Warrant Officer? Master Sergeant? Civilian?

VIETNAM

Nha Trang—In October, the 313th Radio Research Battalion conducted its quarterly Commanders Conference. A high point of the day was reached when the 404th Radio Research Detachment was awarded the Commander's Trophy as the best unit in the Battalion for the preceding quarter.

A big surprise came to the 313th when the 509th Radio Research Group notified them that they had been selected as the best battalion in the group for the third quarter, calendar year 1969.



1LT Frank M. Harris, CO of HHC and 1SG Robert Hathaway, HHC, serve chow as result of SABA drive held at Kagnew Station.

OKINAWA

Torii Station—In a brief ceremony held in September, Colonel Jack P. Landsford, commanding officer of USASAFS, Sobe, presented a check for \$2,200 to Mayor Shotoku Ikehara of Yomitan-son. This check was given to supplement project funds provided for the construction of a new playground at Yomitan Junior High School.

Accepting the check, Mayor Ikehara expressed not only his personal thanks, but also the gratitude of the entire community.

Torii Station—In September, a wind tower was erected for Yomitan Junior High School, Yomitan-son community, by the antenna maintenance crew from USASAFS, Sobe.

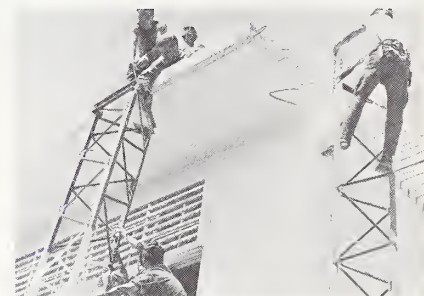
The tower, directly adjacent to the science laboratories of the school, will be utilized by the science classes in their study of meteorology, providing data on both wind velocity and direction.

The completion of this tower, which took 80 man-hours of work, was the third such tower erected at various schools in the Yomitan-son community. A total of four additional towers are scheduled for completion in the near future.

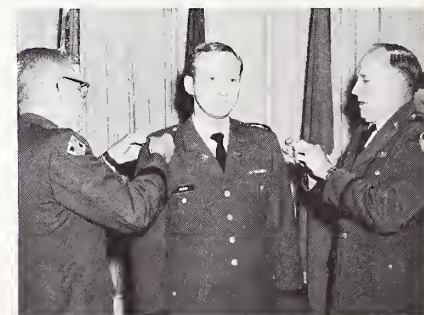
The wind towers are being put up under the auspices of the community Relations Activities Committee of Yomitan-son, with the coordination of Torii Station. This program brings together community relations with the Army, Navy and Air Force installations



Antenna maintenance crew make final fittings on a section of the wind tower.



Antenna crew hoists the final 10-foot section of the donated tower on the roof of Yomitan Junior High School.



The Hallmark's former managing editor, Specialist 4 Frank Quinn, received his direct commission during ceremonies held at Arlington Hall Station in November. Pinning the bars on 2LT Quinn are BG Fred W. Collins, deputy commanding general ASA, and COL John J. McFadden, DCSOPS.

GERMANY

Two months of hard work and an abandoned VW are the ingredients that produced Mt. Schneeburg's first and only fire engine complete with a four-man crew.

Before the mini-hook-and-ladder machine came into being, Mt. Schneeburg Detachment was forced to drag 1,500 feet of fire hose around by hand.

During a discussion about the shortcomings of the fire control system in use, someone suggested building the fire truck.

So in June, welding began on the fire engine of the Schneeburg Volunteer Fire Department. With a made-from-scratch hose reel, reversed wheels for more stability, a large dry chemical fire extinguisher and a bright red paint job, the S.V.F.D. X-1369 was completed in October.

Credit for most of the work went to Specialist 4 Dan Vellekoop who is also the driver of the X-1369.

Helping SP4 Vellekoop build the X-1369 were Specialists 5 John Klebel, brake man for the hose, Bob Bible, and Specialist 4 Bill Burn, hose man.

All four men work in the maintenance section of Detachment J.

Rothwesten—Specialist 4 Raymond C. Dean, Co B, USASAFS Rothwesten, was an honor graduate at the Seventh U.S. Army NCO Academy, in September.

After five weeks of intensive instruction and training, SP4 Dean finished second in a class of 84.

The NCO Academy for the Seventh Army is located in Bad Toelz Germany.

VIETNAM

For more than a year, the men of HHC 303d Radio Research Battalion have been providing support to the Da Minh Orphanage, about five miles outside of Long Binh.

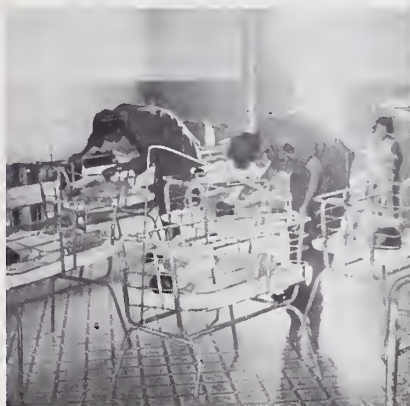
In October, HHC made one of their visits to the orphanage bringing along such essentials for the children as soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes.

The Longhorns have been supporting Sister Cecilia and other sisters of the Dominican Order who are caring

for 129 children. The children's ages run from a few days to 14 years.

Feeding, clothing and teaching the children of the orphanage is a never-ending job and the men of HHC have given their time as well as their labor to help the sisters.

In addition, the 303d pays the orphanage's monthly electric bill from contributions made by the officers and enlisted men.



Men of the 303d look in on the very young during their visit to the Da Minh Orphanage, Long Binh. (Photo by 1LT Lawrence D. Dietz)



A waitress from the mess hall on Okinawa lends a bit of feminine beauty to ASA Day.

ZOT AWARD

It seems that the closest non-battalion neighbors to the 370th ASA Co., Ft. Bragg, N.C.—the post stockade inmates—have declared war on the Agency!

Armed with the most primitive and antiquated weapons in the history of warfare, rock, the inhabitants have taken to throwing stones at the defenseless warriors of the 370th.

It's been reported that the surest way to receive a stateside purple heart is to walk unarmed and unprotected within the range of the enemy's new flying missiles.

To the men of the Ft. Bragg Stockade, a big "ZOT on the Chin" you bullies.

Your Eyesight and Smoking

It is hard to believe, but 50 per cent of those who smoke cigarettes are disabling their vision by improperly "enhancing" its powers.

Contrary to any folklore that may exist, smoking does not sharpen the eyesight.

Smoke irritates the mucous covering of the eye. As a result, the eyes tear and blink, obscuring one's vision.

Most importantly, however, the constituents of cigarette smoke include carbon monoxide and arsenic, as well as highly publicized nicotine and cancer-producing tars. Carbon monoxide interferes with our visual ability to produce the necessary conditions for night vision. Any individual who smokes 20 to 30 cigarettes a day or three cigarettes in close succession will saturate his blood with 8 to 10 per cent carbon monoxide.

"So what?" you say. Well, this is like being 9 to 10,000 feet up in the air without leaving the ground at sea level.





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Escorting a Celebrity

Major Richard L. Sowers

Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Telecommunications

What is it like to serve as an escort to a celebrity?

It's a revelation! It's a lot of fun! It's an unforgettable experience! Especially when the celebrity is Victor Borge, a man with a mission. And that mission is to make people laugh.

Watching this man return to his locker room at intermission, dripping wet with perspiration, manage to get dried off, change wet clothes, smoke a fast cigar and most importantly, get a short rest, is almost beyond belief. Almost, because each move and activity were carefully planned to fall into place.

His solicitous wife not only helped him, but gently reminded him not to get chilled while resting in the easy chair. In a short time his stage manager interrupted him with "Five minutes, Mr. Borge."

Five minutes. He had already beaten the system with the two-minute rest before the call.

During those five remaining minutes, he responded to my questions "How do you do it" and "Why do you drive yourself like this" with "Didn't you hear how they all laughed out there? This is a wonderful audience that your people have given me. It's worth it to just make people laugh. Nowadays, people don't laugh enough."

His five-minute countdown over, he pressed his cigar out, straightened his jacket and left to return to his audience. Once more applause erupted, as the houselights dimmed.

On Saturday afternoon, November 8, my wife, Pat, three drivers from

Arlington Hall Station, Specialist 5 Edmund Jackson, Specialist 4 Edward Ness and Private First Class Jeffrey Brown, and I left for National Airport to pick up the Borge entourage.

The plane arrived at 3:57 and we all met Mrs. Borge, a man with a Danish cap and pipe, Marylyn Mulvey, Sahar Arzruni, and stage manager, Ben Martin. It was a lot of fun convoying them to a motel at Roslyn, Va.

Due to late union complications, Borge couldn't perform with the Army band, so with the scheduled rehearsal canceled, there was little else for him to do but rest. Since he had played Boston and New York the previous two nights, he welcomed the rest. With curtain time scheduled for 8:15, it was agreed that we pick him up at 7:45.

By 7:55 Martin began briefing Borge on the physical layout. With waving hands he went on "... the piano is center ... blue spot for your Moonlight number ... watch the steps and risers on the floor ... the mikes are good ... your piano bench is loaded ... yes, the bananas are there ... the orchestra plays Marylyn's first number ... you play for her after that ..." and on it went.

Soon, Colonel Samuel Loboda, director of the United States Army Band, joined in to fill him with the military portions of the program. The briefing was over in 10 minutes and shortly afterwards the call came out, "Five minutes, Mr. Borge."

Walking out to the stage, Borge paused in the spotlight, blew a cloud

of smoke and charged the evening with laughter. In fact, the tightly-crowded audience never had a chance to stop laughing.

After the show, Arlington Hall Station shared the happiness and warmth of Victor Borge at a reception. Shaking hands, talking and joking, signing autographs, drinking plain soda water on the rocks, he was a most delightful guest.

On the return trip to the motel, Mr. and Mrs. Borge spoke highly of our Benefit Association. They were genuinely impressed with its objectives and hoped the show was successful in attaining our goal.

The next morning, we drove the Borges to the airport to catch a 12:25 flight for Montreal and another concert that evening.

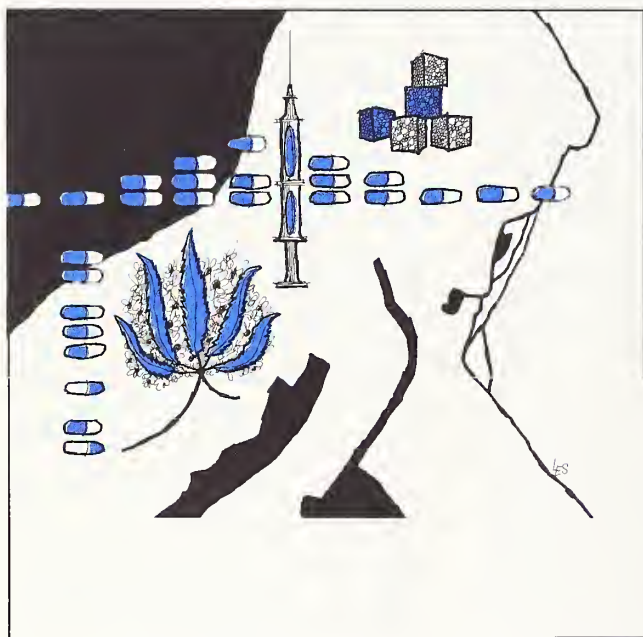
Looking out a terminal window and puffing the ever-present cigar, Borge's mood became serious as he said: "Just look out there Major. Look how fast things move. The world is moving too fast. We can't get caught up with ourselves. When I traveled by train, I had time to think, to plan and to appreciate more. Today, I'm there in an hour or so. It's all so fast."

"You may board now, Mr. Borge," the hostess said, breaking the spell.

Borge smiled, thanked her and turned toward the gate. Before he got on the ramp, he gave me a warm and firm handclasp and smilingly said: "Please thank all your people for me Major. Thank them for their gracious hospitality." And with that, he was off, smiling, waving and filling the air with laughter.

It was an unforgettable experience.

Drug Abuse, Penalties



George was a familiar sight outside the military base. A young, 270-pound man wearing long hair, earrings, a leather jacket and a rude facial expression, George parked his Honda "350" motorcycle in front of the local hangout. As two assistants identified the military "pot" users, George calmly sold them the "stuff"—until a red-haired soldier turned out to be an undercover agent.

Except for the agent's difficulty in fitting the handcuffs around George's wrists, his arrest along with his two military henchmen, brought the case to an almost routine ending. A search of the military men's barracks turned up a large quantity of various drugs. George pleaded guilty only to possession of marijuana and was sentenced to 10 years in prison by the civilian court.

The two associates who knowingly sold narcotics to their military friends were tried under the Military Code of Justice. They received the maximum punishment of a dishonorable discharge and confinement for five years in Federal prison.

A soldier caught buying narcotics from George was asked during his trial:

Q: "Didn't anyone tell you that the stuff is no good?"

A: "Yea man, but they told me so much other garbage, who's going to believe it. For months my friends talked about pot parties. They insisted marijuana is harmless—that it's less damaging than liquor—but not habit forming, no withdrawal symptoms and cheaper. I decided to try it.

"At first we smoked in groups and everybody got high. Each of us paid the 'host' who bought the grass from a pusher. Then we began to smoke in pairs. After a few weeks, I started to smoke alone. I bought the grass, by the ounce from George.

"After a while I had trouble making simple decisions. I began putting things off because I couldn't make up my mind about anything. I lost my appetite and couldn't sleep, and even had trouble getting up in the morning."

The following conversation took place in court with Pete, one of George's two assistants:

Q: "How did you first get started on heroin?"

A: "Some of us was in a car. We was going to town one Saturday night, so one of the guys said, 'let's take off (use drugs) before we start.'"

Q: "What did you do?"

A: "I said, not me; I don't want any. But one of the guys owed me \$2.00."

Q: "You mean to say that for \$2.00 you started taking drugs?"

A: "Well, he kept saying, 'come on, I'll give you four pills and we'll call it even.' So I tried. That was just skin-popping."

Q: Was that the last time you tried it?"

A: "No, the next day I was with this same guy and he was mainlining. He wanted me to try it. I popped two pills at once that time."

Q: "What did taking two pills that way do for you?"

A: "I got real sleepy. I went in to lay on the bed . . . I thought, this is for me! And I never missed a day since, until now."

nd the Agency Man

Q: "What effect did the pills have on you?"

A: "It changes you completely; you become dishonest. Like stealing from your mother. I never got to that. I did break into barracks and take things so I could have enough money."

Q: "Like what?"

A: "Anything that was laying around. I needed bread, until I started helping George grab the suckers. I know when I was running the dice games, you could trust the people and leave the game when you want, but with junkies, you have to watch them every minute."

Although the names are fictitious, the events and comments are real.

The number of narcotics addicts across the United States is now estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands and there has been a rapid increase over the last five years in the use of marijuana. Although originally restricted to certain jazz musicians, artists and ghetto dwellers, it has now appeared among the middle and upper class. A conservative estimate of persons, both juvenile and adult, who have tried marijuana at least once, is about five million.

In the Army alone in the first half of 1969 more than 153 men have been tried on narcotics offenses, with 136 convicted. This figure is three times more than the total for the year 1967 and twice as many as were tried in 1968.

For the drug abuser in the military service, the maximum punishment of a dishonorable discharge and confinement for five years awaits him.

With the recent decision of O'Callahan vs. Parker (395 U.S. Reports 250) a serviceman caught using, selling or smuggling drugs and/or narcotics while off a military post can be tried by either the Federal or civilian authorities, or both. Under the Federal or State Courts, a sentence of five years to life awaits the first offender.

Not only is the United States imposing longer terms, but so are many European countries.

The smuggling, acquisition, sale or possession of marijuana in Germany can result in three years' confinement, plus a fine.

In Belgium smuggling or sale of marijuana can result in a maximum of five years' confinement; possession can result in up to two years' confinement.

Smuggling marijuana across the French border is pun-

ishable by confiscation of the automobile and goods; confinement of six months to three years; and a fine of four times the value of the smuggled goods. Three months to five years confinement and a fine of \$200 to \$2,000 are levied for possession or sale of marijuana.

In Britain, smuggling, acquisition, sale or possession of marijuana can result in a ten-year prison sentence and a fine of up to \$2,000.

Italian law has established the penalty for smuggling, sale or possession of marijuana at from three to eight years in prison, plus a fine of from \$1,300 to \$6,500.

Life imprisonment awaits those convicted of smuggling marijuana in Turkey, and for its sale, the penalty is not less than 10 years' confinement and a fine.

For the ASA man who starts using marijuana or harder drugs, there is a good chance he will lose his clearance and receive punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. With the loss of his clearance and transfer out of the Agency, the time on his enlistment commitment will still remain.

The drug abuser in the Agency leaves himself wide open as a security risk. For example, he can be blackmailed by the threat of exposure. He also can be led to sell or give away classified information to support a drug habit. Also, while "high" on a narcotic or drug, he may overlook or ignore proper security measures.

Drug abuse can leave a mark on your military record that will close many doors to future opportunities. Employers will think twice before hiring a man with a Dishonorable or Bad Conduct Discharge, or a conviction for use of marijuana or drug abuse.

Thousands of dollars worth of Veterans Administration benefits in the form of education payments, home loan insurance, on-the-job training, to mention a few, are lost to the ex-serviceman discharged from the service by court-martial.

A conviction in the military service for marijuana or drug offense provides an unnecessary black mark on your record. Your name also will be reported to the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs where the record of drug offenders is permanently maintained.

In the military, a drug abuser is a threat to the life and welfare of his comrades. In the Agency, he is also a threat to the security of the entire nation. ■

**ODCSPER**

□ **Attache Assignments Available for MI Officers**—Military Intelligence officers are eligible for selection into the Defense Attache System, a rewarding and valuable assignment.

Projected Army officer vacancies in the attache system are announced semi-annually by DA Circular, listing tentative training dates, including language training and attendance at the four-month Defense Attache Course in Washington, D.C.

This course is conducted three times a year with starting dates in January, May and September.

Applications received by MI Branch are screened for nomination against all current and projected requirements for MI officers nominated and usually take six months to check.

In addition to competitive selection factors and the criteria outlined in AR 611-60, the following factors are the most frequent causes for non selection:

- ▶ Officer is too junior in rank. He should be within two years of promotion to major at the time of submitting application.
- ▶ Applicant has too many dependents. He can not have more than a wife and three children.
- ▶ Officer's file does not indicate language aptitude. He must have a score of 25 minimum on the Army Language Aptitude Test or possess S3/R3 level proficiency in the required language.

Additionally, field grade officers must have graduated from or have credit for completion of Command and

General Staff level service school. (Only in exceptional circumstances may this requirement be waived.)

□ **Insignia Should be Issued to Enlisted Personnel**—Some enlisted men are buying insignia which they are entitled to receive free of charge. This apparently is being caused by misunderstanding in the field concerning this authorization.

Basically, Army policy is that the following will be issued on a one-time basis and, if applicable, sewn on the uniform at no cost to the individual:

- Insignia of grade upon promotion.
- Unit shoulder patch and crest, upon joining a new organization.
- Service stripes, oversea bars, marksmanship/special skill badges, branch-colored scarves, medals and medal ribbons, upon initial entitlement.

For complete information consult Chapter 5 and Appendix C, AR 700-84; also Part 4, Common Table of Allowances 50-901.

□ **Tropical Name Tape Position Changed**—Recent DA action directs that the name and U.S. Army tapes on the tropical combat uniform be worn parallel to the tops of the slanted pockets instead of the current parallel-to-the-ground position. The purpose of this move is to insure the tag's visibility.

This change will be accomplished through attrition. No individual will be required to modify the position of the tapes at his own expense. Details are in DA Message 051718Z September 69 and will be in the next published change to AR 670-5.

Death In Slow Motion

It's night, you're tired and late getting back home, so you're driving 55 miles per hour on a road not designed for that speed. Your car reaches a curve in the road, but you made a mistake, too late—the car goes out of control, and you hit a solid immovable object, C R A S H . . .

1/10th of a second . . .

The front bumper and chrome "frosting" of the grill-work collapse. Slivers of steel penetrate the wall to a depth of 1 1/2 inches.

2/10ths of a second . . .

The hood rises, crumples, smashes into the windshield. Spinning rear wheels leave the ground. The fenders come into contact with the wall, forcing the rear parts out over the front doors. Your body continues to move forward at 55 m.p.h. At 20 times the normal force of gravity, you now weigh more than 3,000 pounds. Your legs, ramrod straight, snap at the knee joints.

3/10ths of a second . . .

Your body is now off the seat, torso upright, broken knees pressed against the dashboard. The plastic and steel frame of the steering wheel begins to bend under your terrible death grip. Your head is now near the sun visor, your chest above the steering column.

4/10ths of a second . . .

The car's front 24 inches have been demolished, but the rear end is still traveling at about 35 m.p.h. Your body is still traveling at 55 m.p.h. The half-ton motor block crunches into the wall.

5/10ths of a second . . .

Your fear-frozen hands bend the steering column into an almost vertical position. The force of gravity impales you on the steering shaft. Jagged steel punctures your lungs and intercostal arteries. Blood spurts into your lungs.

6/10ths of a second . . .

Your feet are ripped from your tightly laced shoes. The brake pedal shears off the floor boards. The chassis bends in the middle, shearing body bolts. Your head smashes into the windshield. The rear of the car begins its downward fall, spinning wheels digging into the ground.

7/10ths of a second . . .

The entire, writhing body of the car is forced out of shape. Hinges tear, doors spring open. In one last convulsion, the seat rams forward, pinning you against the cruel steel of the steering shaft. Blood leaps from your mouth, shock has frozen your heart, you are dead.

Total time elapsed . . . seven-tenths of a second, almost as quick as the blinking of an eye. (NAVNEWS)

The 400th Special Operations Detachment, a subordinate unit of FS Sobe, Okinawa, has a new home.

The 400th SOD, formerly at Camp Kue, has moved 10 miles up the Okinawan coast to the comparatively quiet seaside town of Yomitan.

Now it's true that barracks are barracks, and an orderly room is an orderly room; but at this point the similarity between the 400th's old and new surroundings ends. That's because the new location of the detachment is an old missile site—the recently inactivated Site 9.



SSG John Norwood, 400th SOD puts the finishing touches on a sign he designed to grace the entrance to the orderly room at the detachment's new home.

400th SOD Makes Its Move

by Ronald Walker
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When Missile Site 9 was operational, it contained a full complement of HAWK missiles, constituting a formidable part of the island's air artillery.

Today the missiles are gone from this site and the tall protective structures that once housed the mighty HAWKs form an open-air labyrinth complete with one-way signs.

The task of making some sense out of the situation and converting a missile site into a suitable operational base has thus fallen to First Lieutenant Otto B. Neely II, commanding officer of the 400th, and his men.

With the accent on innovation and improvisation, the job is getting done.

A vacated missile emplacement, where once a HAWK strained toward the sun, is now the detachment's oil and grease-stained motor pool. The

building which housed the site's missile assembly functions is today known as the Signal Maintenance Shop.

In addition, a patio, open-air theater and morse training and analysis room will soon be completed by the ambitious and inventive 400th.

Physical conditioning facilities still remain a question mark for LT Neely. However, dark rumors circulating among the men have it that in a short time those tall grassy structures that protected the HAWKs may not appear so superfluous after all—only tall and steep.



1LT Otto B. Neely II, left, commanding officer of the 400th SOD, points out the proposed new site for the detachment's motor pool to SSG James Semler. (Photos by SP5 Donald Barton.)

Marines Win Praise, Beer from 8th RRFS

Inter-service competition sometimes gets a little heated; but the 8th Radio Research Field Station believes that a "job well done" by a sister service deserves more than just a pat on the back.

Such was the case with Operation DEWEY CANYON, a Marine search and destroy mission north of Phu Bai.

The 9th Marine Regiment of the 3d Marine Division completed the successful sweep in March 1969.

In recognition, the 8th RRFS sent them six pallets of beer.

The commanding officer of the 3d responded with a letter of thanks and appreciation for the beer and assistance in making the operation a success.



Marines unload part of the 8th's gesture of recognition.

Bien Hoa Mental Hospital



175th
Brightens
Life of
Patients





Photos by SP5 Thomas C. Seamster

The life of the mentally ill in the Republic of Vietnam is a difficult one.

This unfortunate situation is getting a little brighter, however, thanks to the efforts of the men of the 175th Radio Research Company, 303d Radio Research Battalion.

For 20 months these men have been volunteering their work at the Bien Hoa Mental Hospital, the only one of its kind in Vietnam.

Supported and managed by the RVN and US governments, through the Agency for International Development program, the hospital has only three doctors to care for 1,800 patients. To compound the problem, the living conditions and medical facilities are miserably inadequate.

In April 1968, Sergeant First Class Reginald Stubbs and Staff Sergeant Daniel Sligar of the 175th organized a project to aid the hospital.

Since then, the men of the company have been devoting many off-duty hours toward improving the situation at Bien Hoa. Working with an A.I.D. advisor, they have been painting wards, installing cement shower pads and making repairs. The building materials and paint were purchased with their monetary contributions. In addition, they have provided clothing and eating utensils for the patients.

The Bien Hoa Mental Hospital is not a nice place. Fortunately, however, there are those who are trying to improve its conditions.



Above, front view of the hospital's prison for the criminally insane. Far left, SP5 Lester Baker and Miss Vui, RVN interpreter, painting one of the wards. Left, a patient helping prepare food in the hospital kitchen. Top right, SP4 Joseph Williams mixing paint for the wards. Right, Miss Mary Sahm, A.I.D., instructing one of the Vietnamese nurses.

The Westernmost in the Agency



The Story of FS Shemya

Want to get away from it all? Want a life of peace and tranquility far from the maddening crowd? You can do it with a tour at FS Shemya.

This flat, treeless chunk of rock is situated on the 174th meridian—1,400 miles from either Anchorage or Tokyo. The island is next to the last island in Alaska's Aleutian Chain. It is the home for more than a dozen organizational activities charged with the defense of the United States.

Almost in "tomorrow"—Shemya is actually past the 180th meridian which is normally the demarcation line for day change but international agreement bends the line to the west. It is the home for more than 1,000 men.

A tour on this island is not as grim as it may seem. The host unit—the 5073d Air Base Squadron—provides all the comforts of home. Every facility normally found on non-remote posts are at Shemya. Included is a 120-watt AFRTS TV station serving the inhabitants of Shemya, the Coast Guard and Air Force units on Attu,

The Composite Building, above, houses approximately 1,000 men and the headquarters for FS Shemya. Below, the FS mascot, Penny, was donated by Reeve Aleutian Airways after the death of the previous mascot, Boozier.



an island 35 miles to the west. A unit newspaper, THE GLASS BALL, has now been in print for more than a year.

The crafts shops provide ceramics, woodworking, photography, leather,

lapidary, and electronics for the off-duty man's pleasure. A new NCO club—dedicated in 1968—the bowling alley and gym, the 500-seat theater, and the new chapel are all within easy walking distance of the main building.

And weather permitting—"The Black Pearl of the Aleutians," so named for her black sand beaches—offers beach-combing, fishing, fox hunting, and glass ball hunting. The glass balls come from Japanese fishing nets and find their way to the island via the Japanese current.

The history of the island dates back to her discovery by Vitus Bering in 1741. Bering was commissioned to find new lands rich in resources for the Czar of Imperial Russia. All of the Aleutian Islands were abounding with fur-bearing animals at that time, particularly the seal. As a result, Russia claimed the islands and the mainland of Alaska.

Many years later during the Crimean War, Russia was in danger of losing her western territories and decided to sell the land to the United States. Thus, in 1867 the U.S. became the owner of the territory.

Later in the 1800's the "Gold Rush" started the population explosion on the mainland. Although the people flocked in droves to the mainland, the Aleutian Islands were inhabited only by a few native Aleuts.

The real importance of the islands was realized during WW II when the Japanese landed on the island of Attu in hopes of gaining a foothold to invade North America. But by that time Japan was at the end of her conquering advances.

The 4th Regiment of the 7th U.S. Infantry landed on the island of Shemya. Air strips and barracks were built. From then until the end of the war with Japan, Shemya served as the home base for B-17 and B-24 raids on the northern island of Japan.

After the war, Shemya, no longer considered strategically important, was deactivated. Reactivation came with the "Korean Conflict." Shemya's airfields were needed for the transports



The "Pacific Huts," above, a common sight on the island, are particularly suited to the winds. Left, the coasts of Shemya are searched again and again for the famous glass balls. SP4 J. Gunter and SSG D. J. Perlman meet with success. Below, the base ceramics shop, one of the many shops available, is used frequently by ASA personnel. Pictured are CW4 Thomas Kutz and Engineer Roger Metzler.

flying the "Great Circle Route" from the U.S. to Japan.

With the end of the Korean "police action," Shemya was abandoned. An ASA technical team arrived in 1956 to conduct tests to determine the islands suitability for a permanent field station.

A year later, Det A of HQ, USASA, Alaska at Clam Gulch on Adak Island, arrived to start the field station. Since then it has been reorganized and redesignated many times. Today, Shemya, an Army-Air Force Joint Operation, has an important role in America's defense program.

This then is Shemya the westernmost field station in the Agency. ❧





Two young children retire from adult activities during Okinawa's ASA Day.

ZOT AWARD

To Command Sergeant Major James Anderson, Herzo, goes the coveted Zot Award.

"Sergeant major, you haven't signed for your field gear, and I have a supply inspection this morning," HQ Co's First Lieutenant Gary Roberts said.

The sergeant major promptly went to the company and hastily signed the blank form (DA Form 10-95) saying "I don't have time to wait around for the supply clerks to fill it in."

When Lt Roberts saw the signature on the blank form, his eyes lit up unbelievably . . . "Now's my chance to take care of my shortages," he gleefully chuckled.

Records now show that CSM Anderson has been issued the following:

- 3 foot lockers
- 10 sheets
- 5 pillows
- 2 mattresses
- 5 blankets
- 1 folding steel bed

FLORIDA

Lieutenant Colonel Warren H. Ellis, commanding officer of USASAFS Homestead, was recently awarded the "Akidemy Award" for his support of the Homestead Air Force Base Boy Scout-Cub Scout and Youth Activities Program.

The award is presented annually by the Homestead AFB Commander to those individuals and organizations who contribute most to the dependent youth program on the base.

LTC Ellis began working with the Scout program in 1964. He has been active in the youth program since his arrival at Homestead in 1968. At present, he is scoutmaster of the largest Cub Scout pack, 90 boys, in southern Florida.



LTC Warren H. Ellis presents awards to Cub Scout Pack 444, Homestead AFB, Fla.

GOLF

Massachusetts—The Commandant's Annual Golf Tournament was held in October with 48 ASA men from Ft. Devens plodding their way over the golf course.

Twelve foursomes went off the first and tenth holes simultaneously at eight-minute intervals, stroking, putting and bogeying through 36 holes of freshly cut greens. When it was over, Second Lieutenant Paul Pongetti, Company A, USASATR, had won the low gross trophy with a 145 score.

Copping the low net prize, based on a 3/4 handicap, was First Sergeant Charles Farrin, Company C, with a net score of 136.

In the Open Flight, Specialist 4 John Richardson, HQ Company, was champion, with Master Sergeant Robert Galloway, HQ Company, runnerup.

The winner of the coveted Duffer's award went to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Leonard Schuhmacher, while the closest-to-the-hole prize of \$33 worth of golfing equipment went to Warrant Officer 1 Travis Walker. He landed his white pill just seven feet from the 12th hole.

KARATE

Chitose—Three Kuma Station karate specialists competed in the all Hokkaido Wadoryu Karate Tournament held at Sapporo in September. Although it wasn't a rousing success for our Agency men, Specialist 5 Tom Wade and Specialists 4 Tim Reynolds and John Gravel, it did provide invaluable experience.

Of the more than 200 participants in the tourney, our men were the only Americans. For Specialists Reynolds, who holds a green belt, and Gravel, a black belt, this was their first official tournament in Japan. Both men were eliminated in the first round.

A Second Degree black belt holder, Specialist Wade fared a bit better. He won his first round by using a back kick on his opponent and knocked him about six feet into the air. In the second round he lost the match in the final seconds when he dropped his guard and was kicked in the head.

For Wade, some good did come out of the tournament. A Third Degree black belt enthusiast from Otaru offered to teach and train him in the Okinawa style of karate. He told Wade that as soon as he thinks he's ready, he will sponsor and send him to compete in Tokyo.



Some of the 200 contestants in the All Hokkaido Wadoryu Karate Tournament.

As I See It

By William C. Dials
Command
Sergeant Major



I have always maintained that ASA soldiers compare favorably not only to other Army soldiers but to me in other branches of the service as well. This long-time belief of mine was once again reinforced on a recent visit to two of our units in the south.

While visiting our field station at Homestead Air Force Base, I attended a luncheon sponsored by the Homestead Chamber of Commerce. The luncheon was in honor of the "Military Man of the Month" from the Homestead AFB service community.

This particular meeting paid tribute to the recipients of the Chamber of Commerce award for the months of June and July who were both members of our field station.

To be selected "Military Man of the Month" is a special honor and one in which the recipients can be rightfully proud.

The competition for selection is tough. The selection board is composed of senior NCOs from the four services at the base: Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force. Each month an enlisted man in the grade of E4 goes up before the board.

Selection as "Military Man of the Month" has certain material rewards as well: a check for \$25; dinner at one

of the best restaurants in town; free taxi service to any place in the greater Miami area; and an engraved plaque commemorating the honor.

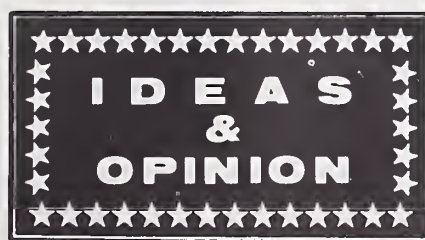
After the luncheon I learned that since the award was initiated, four of the last seven men chosen were Agency soldiers.

During this same trip I visited our command in Panama. After talking with some of the men there, I discovered that an ASA man was accompanying the commanding general of the Army's Southern Command on a tour throughout his command.

This young Agency soldier was given this honor because of his selection as outstanding soldier in the Army's Southern Command for that month.

In themselves, these honors and awards are significant. But more importantly they are indicative of an atmosphere within the Agency that makes its members strive to be the best.

Army-wide and Armed Service-wide, the men of ASA continually demonstrate their capabilities as soldiers and professionals. Where the Agency is concerned, the "Best in the Business" is not an empty phrase; rather, it is an accurate day-to-day description of an ASA man's way of life.



Call It to His Attention

(From THE GLASS BALL, FS Shemya by LTC Theodore F. Bartholomew, Commanding Officer)

All men look forward to going home from the day that they arrive at an isolated post. One wonders sometimes, how many men really give any thought to the transition that is necessary or the change in habits which must be made to insure a pleasurable rather than a shocking, confusing experience to family and friends.

Many bad habits are developed easily and almost without notice in an all male environment by men who, if they were in any other situation, would not permit such habits.

Some of the more common and easily developed habits are the extensive use of profanity and the lowering of personal standards. Unfortunately, there are also other bad habits which are not recognized. These, therefore, present a greater threat to one's reputation when he returns to the "Real World" because of failure to correct them in time.

The one trait that seems to develop in far too many men is the lack of courtesy.

A continuing monolog of wisecracks, obscene remarks, catcalls and such by a few men throughout a movie are appreciated only by those doing it. But it is a monstrous discourtesy to the other 99 percent of the audience.

The general hazing of officials on a basketball court is an accepted part of spectator participation, if they are in good taste. Uncalled-for obscenities and loud boisterous conduct from the starting horn to the last whistle, however, only serve to destroy the enjoyment of watching the game for the other spectators. These are discourtesies, and at the levels which they occur, would probably result in ejection from the stands at home.

The theater and the gym are the two areas most often mentioned when men complain about the conduct of others.


An easy solution to insure avoiding the possibility of offending others is to stop these habits from developing in the first place. And should a friend or acquaintance be guilty of demonstrating a lack of courtesy in the theater or gym, just call it to his attention because he may not realize that he is an offender or how distasteful it is to others.

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FLARE



Neither war nor peace alters the mission of Agency men who spend their holidays on lonely vigils throughout the world.